

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. 199 IAC 39.2(4)
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**ORDER DENYING OBJECTION TO APPLICATION,
REQUEST TO DOCKET, AND MOTION TO INTERVENE**

(Issued January 28, 2002)

On December 13, 2001, U.S. Cellular Corporation (U.S. Cellular) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for Universal Service Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) status in Iowa, pursuant to 199 IAC 39.2(4).

On January 14, 2002, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. (South Slope), filed with the Board an objection to U.S. Cellular's application and a motion to intervene.

On January 15, 2002, the Board issued an order granting U.S. Cellular's request for eligible carrier status.

Board rules provide that responses to applications or other pleadings must be filed with the Board within 20 days after the date the pleading was filed. See 199 IAC 7.5(1). U.S. Cellular's application was filed with the Board on December 13, 2001, and notice of the filing was published on the Board's web page on that date. South Slope's objection to that application was filed with the Board on January 14,

2002, well past the time provided by Board rules. Therefore, South Slope's objection is deemed untimely and will be denied.

Moreover, South Slope's objection does not raise any issues that were not already considered by the Board when it granted U.S. Cellular's application.

Therefore, even if South Slope's objection had been timely filed, the Board would deny its objection.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The objection to application, request to docket, and motion to intervene filed by South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., on January 14, 2002, is denied.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of January , 2002.